

## Jefferson Collaboration Team

Jefferson's Collaboration Team is an opportunity for parents and staff from Jefferson and its feeder elementary schools to work together towards a common vision for middle school. Comprised of representatives from **Jefferson MS, Amidon-Bowen ES, Brent ES, and Thomson ES**, the team will facilitate communication across school communities and support a culture at Jefferson that embraces diversity and engenders academic excellence. Fostering an inclusive school environment that is supported by community participation is essential for Jefferson's success!

➤ **What are the goals of the collaboration team?**

- Engender a sense of community across Jefferson MS, Amidon-Bowen ES, Brent ES, and Thomson ES.
- Develop a strong communication network among schools
- Support the implementation of DCPS' Ward 6 Middle School Plan
- Plan for the launch of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade academy at Jefferson MS

➤ **What are examples of projects/activities for the team?**

- Organize community-building activities and events for students, staff and families
- Work with DCPS central office to develop a plan for recruiting students for Jefferson's new 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy
- Develop an enrollment process that communicates the Academy's expectations (eg. commitment contract, interview, essay)
- Support DCPS' search and hiring process for the Academy's leader
- Serve as a liaison to each school's PTA & LSRT

➤ **Who will be on the team?**

- Two parent representatives from each school, to be selected by each Principal
- Two teacher/staff representatives from each school, to be selected by each Principal
- The Principal or Assistant Principal from each school

➤ **How often will the team meet?**

- Collectively the team will agree on meeting frequency, dates/times, location. We recommend an in-person meeting at least once a month.

**Are you interested in being a member of the Collaboration Team?**

**Please contact your principal by September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010.**